

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the thorough review of the present application reflected in the Office Actions mailed November 3, 2005 and April 27, 2006. As discussed below, Applicant has made various amendments to the claims. In light of these amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance.

I. The Claim Amendments

At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-3, 5-14, 16-22, 24-37 and 40-43 were pending. Claims 1 and 2 have now been cancelled. Claim 3 has been amended to include the recitations of Claims 1 and 2 as originally filed, and hence is now drafted in independent form. Claim 5 has been amended to include the recitations of Claim 1 as originally filed, and is also now drafted in independent form. The dependencies of Claims 7, 9-14, 16 and 18-19 have been amended in light of the cancellation of independent Claim 1. Claim 32 has been amended to include the recitation of allowed Claim 36 (and to also correct an error). Claim 36 has accordingly been cancelled. Claim 34 has been amended to correct the antecedent basis issue noted in the Office Action. Finally, new Claims 44-48 have been added.

II. The Objections to the Drawings

The drawings stand objected to as failing to show the claimed feature of the first segment of each arm of the snap clip being thickened adjacent the connection between each arm and the base of the clip piece. (Office Action at 2). A replacement drawing for FIG. 6 is submitted herewith that addresses this objection. An annotated drawing sheet showing the changes made to original FIG. 6 is also enclosed.

III. The Prior Art Rejections

Claims 1-2, 7-14, 16, 18-19, 32-34 and 37 stand rejected 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,685,751 to Dupree ("Dupree"). Applicant has cancelled Claims 1 and 2, obviating the rejections of those claims. As noted above, Applicant has amended independent Claim 32 to include the recitations of Claim 36. As such, Claims 32-34 and 37 are now directed to subject matter that was indicated as allowable in the Office Action. Applicant has amended Claims 10-14 to depend from Claim 43, such that Claims

10-14 are also now directed to subject matter that was indicated as allowable in the Office Action.

Claim 3 has been rewritten into independent form to include all of the recitations of original Claims 1 and 2. Claim 5 has been rewritten into independent form to include all of the recitations of original Claim 1. Claims 3 and 5, as amended, are directed to subject matter that was indicated as allowable, except that neither amended Claim 3 or 5 includes the recitation of original Claim 15 that was added to Claim 1 in Applicant's previous response (i.e., the recitation that "the first segment of each arm of the snap clip is thickened adjacent a connection between each arm and the base"). Applicant respectfully submits that neither Dupree nor the prior art references cited in the previous Office Action anticipate or render obvious the subject matter of Claims 3 or 5 as amended herein. Accordingly, Claims 3, 5-8 and 16-19 are also in condition for allowance. New Claims 44 and 45 add the recitation of original Claim 15 to Claims 3 and 5, respectively, and hence Claims 44 and 45 are directed to subject matter that was indicated as allowable in the Office Action.

IV. The Rejection of Claim 34 Under Section 112

The Office Action states that Claim 34 is indefinite under Section 112, second paragraph, due to the term "the polygon" lacking antecedent basis. Claim 34 has been amended to depend from Claim 33, thereby obviating this rejection.

V. New Claims 46-48

New independent Claim 46 is directed to a cabinet that includes a frame with an opening and a false front panel that is attached over the opening. The cabinet includes first and second false front connectors, each of which includes a post piece and a clip piece. The first and second post pieces are mounted on respective first and second of the walls that define the opening, and each post piece includes a post having a non-circular cross-section that extends along an axis into the opening. The first and second clip pieces each have a base and at least one snap clip projecting from the base. The post on the first post piece extends toward the wall on which the second post piece is mounted, and the post on the second post piece extends toward the wall on which the first post piece is mounted. None of the cited art disclose or suggest a cabinet having such a configuration. Therefore, Applicant respectfully

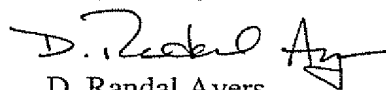
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submits that Claim 46, as well as Claims 47-48 depending therefrom, are also in condition for allowance.

VI. Conclusion

Inasmuch as all of the outstanding issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and request that it be passed to allowance and issue.

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